

Smith Craig "Sculptor Of My Heart"

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Psalm 25:4

Search with holy eyes

This vessel in Your hands

Sift and purify

By the standards You demand

Sculptor of my heart

Cast and forge my mind

With a quest for purity

And as the poet weaves his line

Compose You melody

Chorus

Please make of me

Your Kingdom's art

May You be pleased

Sculptor of my heart

You have fashioned perfectly

Your image in the Son

Shape and pattern within me

To be the paragon

Sculptor of my heart

Hew away those places

Which cause blemish to the whole

As the only skillful Master

Engrave Your name upon my soul

Chorus

You create from a heart of stone

A vessel of honor that You call

Your own, Your own

Chorus

The desire of the Father is that we be conformed to the image of His Son.

May we have the boldness and wisdom to come before the Lord and prayfully

Request He mold us into that which is pleasing and productive to His

Kingdom, at whatever the cost to us personally.

There are at least two qualities found in a master-craftsman in relation to

His work. One is the constant striving for perfection in his art. Patiently

Exerting all his abilities to create a beautiful,

expressive, and seemingly
Flawless place. Secondly, being able to apply his entire
imagination to
Visualizing the completed art form, even prior to
picking up his first
Sculpting tool.
After mentally fixing what the completed form will look
like, he then begins
To hammer and chisel away those unsightly chunks
and pieces which would
Distort the final image. He will labor diligently until that
which was once
Only a mental image cast upon formless material, has
been transformed into
A timeless work of art.
Through the laborious and skillful process of the artist,
material which
Once had little worth is converted into an object of
great value.
In similar manner, we come to Christ as objects of little
value, and
Certainly no value when considered in relation to the
Kingdom of God. As we
Are convicted of our sin, ask forgiveness and repent of
our sin, He becomes
Our Saviour and His Lordship then moves into every
aspect of our life. As
We stand before Him, in His grace, as mere babes in
Christ, He not only sees
Our present immature state, but He also supernaturally
sees the finished
Products.
Because of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, we
have moved from a
Position of worthlessness to God, to a secured position
of great potential
And eternal value to God. He takes "...from a heart of
stone," and through
The work of the Holy Spirit makes "a vessel of honor."
The gift of salvation is made available to each of us
only to the extent
That we each are willing to respond in obedience to His
invitation. Upon
Accepting His terms to that free gift, we then become a
child of the King.
This is the foundation we are established on, and can
reason from God's
Word, that we should continue to build on. It is the
process of tearing down
The fleshly man, and building up the spiritual man
"...put on the new self

(man) who is being renewed to a true knowledge
according to the image of the
One who created him." (Col. 3:10) The Lord did not
intend for us to remain as
"babes," in fact we are instructed to "long for the pure
milk of the Word,
That by it (we) may grow in respect to salvation." (I
Peter 2:2) "...grow
(increase) in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ."
(II Peter 3:18) It should be our desire, goal, and prayer
that the Father
Would remove, hammer and chisel, away any material
which does not conform
To the image of His Son.
He reveals those thing in our live which are unpleasing
in His sight, and we
Respond in obedience so they do not hinder the final
result.
We submit to Him because He has loved us enough to
give us life through His
Son. We were created to bring glory to God, to be
pleasing in His sight.
That is our destiny. We are the clay in the potter's hand.
We are material
Being constructed into living objects which are
pleasing and bring
Satisfaction to the Father. God is not just wise, He is the
source of true
"Wisdom." As vessels, then, let us not worry but have
complete trust in Him
And His wisdom that He will chip away only those
unnecessary and unsightly
Pieces.
As we are in submission and obedience to Him, the end
result will be a living
Work of art, worthy of the King's chambers.--Craig
Smith
We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer
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We praise Thee, O God our Redeemer, Creator
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring
We lay it before Thee
We kneel and adore Thee
We bless Thy Holy Name, glad praises we sing

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